

IN THE CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for setting up a telephone conference between more than two subscribers of at least one telecommunication network on request by a subscriber, comprising the steps of:

storing a list of a predetermined group of subscribers; and

contacting, when a telephone conference is requested for the predetermined group of subscribers stored in the list, the subscribers taken from the stored list of subscribers for one of setting up and preparing for setting-up a telephone conference between the subscribers.

2. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the telephone conference is a mobile radio telephone conference in which the least one subscriber participates via a mobile radio network.

3. A method as defined in claim 1, including requesting the telephone conference via a mobile radio telephone network.

4. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein a telephone connection of at least one subscriber is set up to a telephone conference by the subscriber calling a telephone

number not associated with any other subscriber, whereupon, when the number is called, the telecommunication network connects subscribers to the telephone conference.

5. A method as defined in claim 4, including providing a limited number of mobile radio telephone numbers (IMSI) in at least one mobile radio telecommunication network, whereupon when the numbers are called by any mobile radio subscriber, a telephone conference is set up to this mobile radio subscriber.

6. A method as defined in claim 1, including, after a telephone conference has been requested by a subscriber, sending a message via a device at the mobile radio network end to the subscribers who are contained in the list for which list a telephone conference has been requested, and taking one of telephone numbers and other telecommunication identities of the subscribers from a list stored in one of the mobile radio network and by the subscriber requesting the telephone conference.

7. A method as defined in claim 1, including, for preparing setting up of a telephone conference, sending an invitation to the telephone conference to subscribers who are stored in the list, whereupon an invited subscriber is only connected to the telephone conference if he accepts the invitation.

8. A method as defined in claim 7, including transmitting the request one of as short message and as WML content to the terminal.

9. A method as defined in claim 1, including controlling a telephone conference with an element at the mobile radio network end during the telephone conference with regard to at least one of termination of the conference, exclusion of a subscriber from the conference and addition of a further subscriber, not contained in the list, to the conference.

10. A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the storing step includes storing, for the group, in each case a list of at least one of names, telephone numbers and other telecommunication addresses of only each subscriber in the group but no other subscriber in at least one of the mobile terminal, a mobile radio subscriber identification card and the telecommunication network.

11. A method as defined in claim 1, including admitting only subscribers who are stored in a list for a group to a telephone conference for this group.

12. A method as defined in claim 1, including defining a list with regard to subscribers contained therein by at least one of mobile radio Internet (WAP) and landline network Internet.

13. A device for setting up a telephone conference between more than two subscribers, comprising: a control device operative so that, when a telephone conference is requested for a predetermined group of subscribers by a subscriber of a telecommunication network, the control device contacts subscribers of the predetermined group of subscribers,

which subscribers are stored in a list for this group, for one of setting up and preparing the setting-up of a telephone conference between the subscribers.

14. A device as defined in claim 13, wherein the device is a server one of in a telecommunication network and having access to a telecommunications network.

15. A device as defined in claim 13, wherein the device includes an interface for receiving a request of a subscriber for setting up a telephone conference, a control device for setting up the telephone conference and an interface for connecting subscribers to one another as a telephone conference.

16. A device as defined in claim 15, wherein after the setting-up of the telephone conference has been prepared, a voice telephone conference is established.

17. A device as defined in claim 16, wherein the telephone conference is a mobile radio telephone conference in which at least one subscriber participates via a mobile radio network.

18. A device as defined in claim 14, wherein the subscriber requesting the telephone conference requests the telephone conference via a mobile radio telephone network.

19. A device as defined in claim 14, wherein the control device is operative so that a telephone connection from at least one subscriber to the telephone conference is set up

when this subscriber calls a telephone number which is associated with no other subscriber, whereupon, when the number is called, the telecommunication network connects the subscriber to the telephone conference.

20. A device as defined in claim 14, wherein in at least one mobile radio telecommunication network, a limited number of mobile radio telephone numbers is provided, whereby when the numbers are called by any mobile radio subscriber, a telephone conference is set up for the mobile radio subscriber.

21. A device as defined in claim 14, wherein the device is at the mobile radio network and is operative to send, after a telephone conference has been requested by a subscriber, a message to the subscribers who are contained in the list for which the subscriber requests a telephone conference, the telephone numbers of the subscribers being taken from the list stored in the mobile radio network or by the subscriber requesting the telephone conference.

22. A device as defined in claim 14, wherein an invitation to the telephone conference is sent to a subscriber from a list for which a telephone conference is requested, the invited subscriber being connected to the telephone conference only if he accepts the invitation.

23. A device as defined in claim 22, wherein the device is operative so that the request is transmitted to the terminal one of as short message and as WML content.

24. A device as defined in claim 14, wherein the control device is operative to control a telephone conference during the telephone conference with regard to at least one of termination of the conference, exclusion of a subscriber from the conference and addition of a further subscriber, not contained in the list, to the conference, the control device being at the mobile radio network end.

25. A device as defined in claim 24, wherein for the group, in each case a list of at least one of names, telephone numbers and other telecommunication addresses of each subscriber of the group but no other subscribers is stored at least one of in the mobile terminal, in a mobile radio subscriber identification card and in a memory in the telecommunication network.

26. A device as defined in claim 4, wherein only subscribers who are stored in a list for a group are admitted to a telephone conference for this group.

27. A device as defined in claim 14, wherein the list is defined with regard to subscribers contained therein by at least one of mobile radio Internet and landline network Internet.